- g. One shall be a representative from the Covenant with North Carolina Children.
- (2) Eleven members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as follows:
  - a. Five shall be members of the Senate at the time of their appointment, of whom at least one shall also serve on the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, at least one of whom shall also serve on the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, at least one of whom shall also serve on the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and at least one of whom also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety,
  - b. One shall be the director of a mental health area authority,
  - c. One shall be a representative of the Association of County Commissioners,
  - d. One shall be a representative of a local board of education,
  - e. One shall be a licensed attorney whose practice includes the representation of parents accused of criminal or civil abuse or neglect,
  - f. One shall be a chief district court judge recommended by the Council of Chief District Judges,
  - g. One shall be a representative from Action for Children of North Carolina, and
  - h. One shall be a representative from the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force.
- (3) The following shall serve ex officio as nonvoting members of the Commission:
  - a. The Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Secretary's designee,
  - b. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or the Superintendent's designee,
  - c. The Secretary of Administration, or the Secretary's designee, and
  - d. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, or the Director's designee.
- (b) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority who made the initial appointment and by a person having the same qualification. Members' terms shall last for two years. Members may be reappointed for two consecutive terms Members may be appointed to a maximum of three consecutive terms and may be appointed again after having been off the Commission for two years.
- (c) Commission members shall receive no salary as a result of serving on the Commission and the Task Force on the Coordination of Children's Services but shall receive necessary subsistence and travel expenses in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6, as applicable."

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009. Became law upon approval of the Governor at 12:01 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.